Minutes of the <u>Special Called Work Session</u> of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee Thursday, May 15, 2014, 4:30 PM Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips Alderman John Clark Alderman Colette George

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire Alderman Tom C. Parham Alderman Tom Segelhorst

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.

2. ROLL CALL: By City Recorder Demming. Absent: Alderman Jantry Shupe.

3. BUDGET DISCUSSION. City Manager Campbell provided new information on the budget that was previously presented. He detailed budget cuts and additional reductions that had been made by staff since the previous work session. He did recommend a one percent increase for employees rather than the step raise just to keep from getting behind, noting it has been several years since the last pay study. He recommended a five dollar garbage fee as well as a four cent property tax increase. Some discussion ensued. Mayor Phillips pointed out this budget has been studied in depth and asked the board to comment if these suggestions were unreasonable. He pointed out that revenue is down everywhere and if the economy would grow at least three percent a year the city could catch back up. He also mentioned the benefit if certain properties were to be sold.

4. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session,

Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

ANGELA MARS

Deputy City Recorder

DENNIS R. PHILLIPS

Mayor